

Testimony of

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Good afternoon, Senator McCrory, Representative Currey, Senator Berthel, Representative McCarty, and members of the Education Committee.

I testify today in support of House Bill 6884. This bill takes important steps toward addressing the educator shortage in Connecticut, showing educators that theirs is a respected profession, and ensuring that our classrooms and schools can provide the best possible education for our students.

As a veteran teacher of 30 years, I feel that this bill is crucial to the future of education. We have to make teachers a priority, and that begins with retention and recruitment. You are not going to get America's best and brightest to educate your children unless you do something major to encourage that.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

